

BIOGRAPHY OF IVY BOTTINI

Ivy Bottini will be 81 years old next month, August, 2007. She has devoted over 40 years to the Feminist and LGBT's struggle for civil and human rights. She was married for 16 years; she is the mother of two daughters, Laura and Lisa and has a grandson, Jason. She graduated from Pratt Institute's School of Art in Brooklyn, N.Y. After graduating she worked at several art agencies in New York City. She worked for 13 years as Illustrator and Art Director for the daily newspaper, Newsday. After leaving Newsday and moving to Los Angeles in 1971, she studied acting at Lee Strasberg Institute and spent several years performing her one woman show, "The Many Faces of Women" throughout the United States, Hawaai and Alaska. She is the recipient of Dramalogue's "Best Performance" award for her role in the play "Against the Rising Sea".

She is a founder of the first chapter of the National Organization for Women in 1966, and designed their national logo in 1969. She introduced the struggle for Lesbian rights into the Women's Movement in 1969. She conceived and led the take-over of the Statue of Liberty in 1970 when Ivy's New York Chapter of NOW hung a banner on the top of the Statue's pedestal which read, "Women of the World Unite". She founded the first AIDS organization in Los Angeles, AIDS Network LA, which served as a clearing house for early disease information and was also a founder of AIDS Project Los Angeles in the early 1980's. She also founded the Los Angeles Lesbian/Gay Police Advisory Board; she was Deputy Director of a 1978 Campaign which spearhead the defeat of the Briggs Initiative (No on 6) and went on to Chair the No on LaRouche and No On 64 Initiative victories.

As co-chair of the City of West Hollywood's Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board for over six years, she has spearheaded work on Partner Abuse in the LGBT community, Crystal Meth addiction, the annual Dyke March and affordable housing for LGBT seniors.

Her work on affordable housing culminated when she helped found the non-profit Gay and Lesbian Elder Housing, Inc. in 1993.

The group's first project, Triangle Square, (the first in the nation) is the 104, affordable income, apartment complex which opened in late April, 2007, In Hollywood, CA.

She is now working on a fitting AIDS Memorial for West Hollywood and a LGBT Museum. She has begun work on her 'long sought after' autobiography and expects it to be finished by the end of 2008.

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